

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of **James R. Ober**

Application No. 10/817,662

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For: MOUNTING DEVICE

Examiner: Amiri, Nahid

Group Art Unit: 3679

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)) A mounting device for mounting an element on a shaft, comprising:

an outer sleeve having an internal bore having a tapered portion and a

frustoconical external surface, wherein the frustoconical external surface
~~outer sleeve~~ is sufficiently rigid ~~substantially solid~~ to prevent substantial
expansion or contraction of the frustoconical external surface when the
device is tightened or loosened;

an inner sleeve comprising:

an internal bore;

a threaded portion;

an external tapered portion configured to cooperate with the tapered